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Editorials

# Action Overdue

One fact stands out clearly.

Our intelligence service did not do a good job in Cuba.

This presents a serious problem for President Kennedy.

The Cuban situation has been ineffectively handled for a long time. Going back over the years, we must point out that the Eisenhower administration made a grave mistake with respect to the former dictator, Batista.

We stood by him much too long, and were far from being well informed on the real sentiments of the Cuban people.

When Castro appeared on the scene, in his original role of Cuban liberator, Washington obviously knew little about him. As if completely unaware of his Communist connections, the U.S. was quick to hail him as a man of democratic principles.

Warnings from J. Spruille Braden and others, who insisted from the start that Castro was a Communist, were brushed aside.

**BOTH** of these errors were made by the previous administration. Now it appears that Mr. Kennedy has also made his mistakes, chief of which was placing too much reliance on CIA reports from Cuba.

These led the President to believe two things which have now been proven false. One was the belief that a landing by Cuban patriots would result in a general uprising of the Cuban people.

That the expected uprising has not taken place proves the inaccuracy of another of the CIA's assumptions, namely that Castro was not as strong as he proved himself to be.

Now it looks as if President Kennedy might take some steps to shake up the CIA.

It certainly seems that such action is long overdue.